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THERE is a tine opening for a good cabmet maker in France.

MAJOR BEN: PERLEY POORE is dead. He took his colon with him.

THE Italian Riveria continues to have the shakes. We would suggest a big dose of quinme.

Stop building tinder boxes and fire traps, whether of frame or brick veneering.

OMAHA continues to be the great religious center of the United States. Next on the programme is the Luthern general synod.

THERE is no indication that the real estate boom will let up. New real estate agents still continue to sprout in Omaha more profusely than weeds after a May shower.

THE old Fargo, Dakota, insurance company, according to a recent dispatch, has assets of \$5,000 to pay liabilities of \$125,-000. This is even worse than the old concern at Beatrice was a short time ago.

THE authorities at Helena, Arkansas, have secured requisition papers for Kissane, the Sonoma millionaire of California. William will probably get another chance to deliver a prepared impromptu speech to a judge and jury.

WHEN the BEE stated that Senator Lininger is on record against the convict labor contract bill it told the truth. Mr. McShane's chronic tiar only adds insult to injury when he asserts that Mr. Lininger voted for the bill. Let him produce the record or stand self-convicted as a

libelier. PROFESSOR WIGGINS, by whom a longsuffering world allows itself to be humbugged, has had the unadulterated impudence to venture another prediction. We had hoped there was some clause of the inter-state law which would choke off the predicting professor, but it appears that he vet has sway.

OMAHA should build more brick buildings and fewer frames. Brick and stone buildings create an impression of stability and solidity that frame structures no matter how costly cannot give. Brick houses are less liable to cause a disastrous conflagration. The only drawback in Omaha to-day is the excessive cost of brick and stone. We must have cheaper brick and an extension of the fire limits over the entire area within one mile of the court house.

Why don't McShane's editor produce a statement from Hon. C. J. Smyth to sustain his slanderous charge about the penitentiary convict labor contract. Mr Smyth is a democrat and not likely to be partial to a republican paper. He has the confidence of the workingmen of Omaha and is on record as a steadfast opponent of the convict labor contract bill. If McShane's editor can induce Mr. Smyth to contradict our statement in any particular we will plead guilty to the charge, otherwise the workingmen will believe him to be a standerer and an unmitigated fraud.

Ir is reported that the Ohio friends of Governor Foraker are again angry because of a repetition of the charges that the governor is disloyal to Senator Sherman. These sensitive persons, who are doubtless the same that came to the defense of the governor a couple of months ago, are more likely to do him harm than good by their excessive zeal, since such exaggerated solicitude is apt to invite distrust. Doubtless the best reason there has ever been to question the loyalty of Foraker to Sherman was found in the fact that these friends of the governor manifested an almost indecent eagerness, under the circumstances, to manufacture a boom for him. It does not appear that they ever received any encouragement in this from Foraker, and it is undoubtedly unjust to suspect him of any other than the most hearty desire to promote the chances of Sherman. He is on record as an unqualified supporter of the senator for the republican nomination in 1888, and a straightforward political record thus far justifies confidence in the sincerity of Governor Foraker's present professions. We have no doubt he will be safer to stand upon this record, so far as the party at large is concerned, than to depend

upon the vindication of his too sensitive

and fervent friends.

#### A Few Facts.

The BEE is avowedly an anti-monopoly The BEE is notoriously a paper given over to running local affairs. The BEE has been remarkably silent on the

gas monopoly question. The editor of the BEE has been seen not less than four times in the last week in close consultation with the president of the gas nonopoly.

Hear! hear!-John A. McShanc's Sheet. Hear, oh hear, a few cold facts. The BEE is now and always has been opposed to monopoly in every shape and form

where honest competition is practicable. But it will never knowingly countenance or connive blackmailing schemes, even under the pretense of breaking down an odious monopoly. When the bogus gas company, incorpo-

rated by certain parties last year, appealed to the council to take away the tranchise of the existing gas company under pretense that it would give Omaha relief from exorbitant gas bills the BEE turned monopolist and opposed the barefaced scheme. When Mayor Boyd vetoed the first ordinance granting a franchise to the new gas company the BEE commented on the veto as follows:

Mayor Boyd's veto of the ordinance grant ing the right of way through our streets and alleys to a corporation which proposes to establish gas works in Omaha, in competition with the existing company, causes much unfavorable comment. We have not read the mayor's veto in full nor have we been able to procure a copy of the vetoed ordinance. On general principles it would be unfair to grant promisenous rights of way 'to parties who propose to build gas works in Omaha. because such a grant in the hands of unprincipled adventurers or schemers might be used as a means to levy blackmail on the existing gas company, If, however, the ordinance contains provisions that would prevent the misuse of the grant, coupled with reasonable guarantees that the new company will erect works and supply cheaper gas to the public, there is no valid excuse for a veto.

While we doubt whether Omaha is large enough to support two gas compan es, it is manifestly the interest of our city to secure competition or such concessions from the gas company in the matter of rates as will make competition unprofitable.

The old council sustained Mayor Boyd's veto and a new ordinance was introduced in the present council. The BEE promptly expressed its views in the following editorial:

A material reduction in the price of gas is always welcomed by any community. That Omaha wants cheaper gas goes without saying. The reduction of 50 cents per 1,000 feet in the price of her gas supply which is promised by the new gas company is a powerful incentive for granting a franchise. We would, however, venture some suggestions to the council which should be embodied in the gas ordinance:

1. The franchise should be limited to twenty-five or thirty years, and subject to repeal in case of violations of contract by the gas company. The ordinance, as intro duced, is practically perpetual.

2. No right of way should be granted through any paved thoroughfare except at alley crossings. All gas mains should be laid in the alleys and all connections with buildings should be made from the mains laid in the alleys. Omaha has expended several million dollars for paying and we could better afford to submit to high priced gas than allow our paved streets to be torn up and ruined by gas trenches. To dig ditches on Farnam, Douglas or Harney streets every twenty-two or thirty-three feet would simply ruin the whole pavement. The new gas company should be required to lay itmains in the alleys, and the old company should hereafter be restricted to the alleys where new mains are to be laid. Provision should also be made to require gas companies o pay the cost of repairing payements in streets and alleys damaged by digging trenches for their mains and laterals.

And now for a few colder facts. We plead guilty to the charge that the editor of the BEE has held several conferences with Mr. Frank Murphy, president of the gas monopoly, within the past ten days. One of these conferences was to ascertain whether the gas monopoly would volunteer to reduce its price of gas, so as to give Omaha cheaper gas without tearing up its paved streets.

Mr. Murphy expressed a willingness to reduce the price of gas within a very short period, and asserted that the projectors of the new gas company could not furnish gas for \$1.25 per 1,000 feet, but merely wanted a franchise to sell out.

Unmindful of this assurance the editor of the BEE has personally urged members of the council to reduce the price of gas and cut down by changing one-half of the city street lamps from an all night service to a moonlight schedule. But the coldest of cold facts is the disclosure made by a certain councilman that promotors of the new gas company had set apart a liberal supply of gas stock for members of the city council and the editors who are clamoring for cheap gas

and crying "Down with monopoly !" Further particulars will be made publie in due time and a calcium light will be thrown on the venal editors who are prowling around the Omaha saloons after midnight setting up jobs and boodle schemes. Hear! Hear!!!

## To Replace the Caucus.

The evils of the caucus system, supplemented by the abuses which almost invariably mark the course of conventions that are the creation of the caucus, are well understood by all familiar with the methods of politics. Whatever may formerly have been the case, as now managed the expression of the caucus frequently, and perhaps as a rule, misrepresents the true sentiments of the party. It is the battleground of factions, it is the pathway by which self-serving demagogues make their way to unmerited recognition, and it is clique by Edward Cottrell, the heaviest the nursery of those vices by which the heelers and strikers in politics profit. So much has this system degenerated in the respect of the better class of voters, that quite generally the caucus is ignored by them, and being thus surrendered to the worst elements of a party, conventions are composed of an irresponsible class of delegates who have only their personal advantages in view, and most of whom have their price, which may be a consideration in hand or the assurance of future reward. Corruption, in whatever form, that begins in the caucus is enlarged in the convention, and the whole machinery is manipulated chiefly by a class of politicians who would be powerless if they went directly to the whole body of voters of the party.

All this has been repeatedly pointed out and dwelt upon, but the old system still very generally prevails, with here and there certain restrictions and regulations that may lesson, though they do not wholly remove, the evils. These will be gotten rid of probably only by abandoning the system, since the attempts to reform it have not been found as satisfac-

serve that the republicans of Cuyahoga county, Ohio, are proposing to do this, and to adopt what is known as the "Crawford county plan." This plan was put in operation several years ago by the republicans of Crawford county. Pennsylvania, and was found to work so satisfactorily that it is now in force generally throughout that state. It has been adopted also in several Ohio counties, where it has given entire satisfaction. This plan simply is, that before every election, instead of holding caucuses and conventions, each party has a primary election. All the candidates for office are before the people and are voted upon. The republican candidates who receive the majority of the votes of that party are made the candidates of the party on election day, and are then voted upon by the citizens at large as opposed to the candidates of the other parties.

The course to be

is thus explained sued by the chairman of the Cayahoga county republican committee: Shortly before the election the committee will issue a proclamation calling upon the republican voters to assemble on a given day to vote upon the party candidates and explain the way in which the balloting is to be done. All republican candidates will be requested to notify the committee before a certain time as to whether or not they desire to have their names go before the voters of the party at the primary election. The committee will then have two sets of tickets printed at the expense of the candidates, one for the legislative candidates and the other for the county candidates. On the legislative ticket will be found the names of all the known republican candidates for legislative honors and on the county ticket will be the names of all republicans who wish to compete for the county offices, the lists being properly grouped. These tickets will be given to the ward and township committeemen, and will be the only officially correct ballots. On the day of the primary election the polls will be open during a reasonable length of time, from 2 o'clock in the afternoon until 8 in the evening. A voter, on receiving the tickets, will erase all the names but those of the candidates for whom he wishes to east his ballot. Should be be satisfied with none of the men who have been proposed to the committee as candidates, blank lines will be provided in the tickets upon which he can write the names of those whom he thinks should be the candidates of the party. When the polls are closed, the judges and clerks, who will be appointed by the county central committee, will count the ballots and forward the tally sheets to the committee. The latter will as soon as possible canvass the returns in the same manner as they are now canvassed by the board of elections. The names of the candidates who have received the greatest number of votes for the different offices will be placed on the republican

ticket to be voted upon on election day. This plan would consume more time than by the old way, and pehaps be somewhat more expensive, but experience with it where it has been tried has shown that the results are more satisfactory. It greatly reduces, if it does not entirely destroy, the power of rings and factions to make up "slates" and "fix things;" it cuts down to a very small margin the chances of those chronic place-hunters who have to look chiefly to the rabble in politics for preferment; it discourages the efforts of the demagogues and the business of the political beelers and strikers; it shuts the door against a great deal of corruption that is common under the caucus and convention system. It affords to every man who desires public office a full and fair opportunity to go before the people and demonstrate his popularity, and on the other hand it allows every voter to indicate who he prefers for any public position, regardless of whether such person is named as a candidate or not. Certainly if under this plan the voters do not select worthy and clean men the fault will be wholly with themselves, since they will have it in their power to defeat combinations to foist upon them

#### unworthy and corrupt candidates. Light On the Deal.

A New York paper throws some light on the great Chicago wheat deal, further developments in which are expected to be made on next Wednesday, which will be another delivery day. It will then be determined whether the corner is to be carried on through June and the shorts unmercifully squeezed. It is stated that a few days ago the clique received remittances from New York and Cincinnati, amounting to about \$6,000,000, which brought the total sum now involved in the deal up to \$21,000,000. The holdings of the clique in grain and options are estimated to amount to 45,000,000 bushels and as it is understood \$1.15 is the figure aimed at, if the corner is successful, the clique will win from \$2,000,000 to \$9,000,000, a very handsome profit for the speculators, in which the farmers and the consumers of the country will not share

The mystery respecting the principals in this deal is not cleared up, but it is quite certain that several Cincinnati milionaires are in the pool, and also the Standard Oil crowd. The Nevada bank people are probably connected with it, and Armour is thought to be assisting the manipulation by turning all of his wheat away from Chicago, though he is understood not to be in the syndicate. New York is believed to be represented in the speculator in the produce exchange of that city. The syndicate owns today about all the wheat at Chicago, New York, Toledo, St. Louis and San Francisco, and probably half the stock in Liverpool, and has complete control of markets for this staple all over the world. The visible supply of wheat-winter and spring-in the United States is about 44,500,000 bushels. and this is decreasing at the rate of nearly 2,000,000 bushels a week. In one way and another the syndicate has control of all this vast product. The indications now are that the corner will be maintained and that the shorts will be badly hurt. But the trouble is the consequences will not stop with the gamblers whose misfortune it is to be squeezed, and for whom nobody can have any sympathy. If the price of June wheat is forced up 20 cents it means disaster

Ir is to be feared that the record made by the late legislature of New York will not redound to the advantage of the re-

to many merchants and failures in the

grain trade everywhere.

toriously and impudently corrupt, not in the way of taking small bribes or cash contributions of boodle, as was the case with the cheap boodlers of some other legislatures of the present year, but in rendering service to wealthy corporations which could repay with large rewards. Although openly charged in the press with corruption, no notice whatever was taken of the allegations, which would indicate that pretty much the entire body was infected. Furthermore, the refusal to confirm the nomination of Colonel Fred Grant as quarantine commissioner made plain the fact that the bossism of the "Me

Too" Platt crowd was complete, development that will not sit well on a great many republican stomachs in New York. Whatever may have been the motive of Governor Hill in nominating Colonel Grant, the fact is unquestionable that Platt has no proper claim to the office which he continues to hold by reason of the obstinacy of the republican senate Just at this time it is unfortunate for the republican party of New York that this additional source of dissatisfaction and discredit has been inflicted upon it. And Platt has not helped the matter by offering to resign on the condition that Colonel Grant shall be appointed.

THE long threatened suit against Gould and Sage, by bondholders of the Kansas Pacific railroad company, promises to be rich and interesting. Gould and Sage were trustees of the company's consolidated mortgage, and in the famous deal inquired into by the Pacific railroad investigating committee they enriched themselves handsomely. When Gould and Sage were lately on the stand and were questioned touching this trusteeship their answers were followed with equal attention by a committee of the bondholders, who are seeking to get proper foundations for their suit for damages. They claim to have what evidence is necessary to make Gould and Sage disgorge some of their fortunes. The elastic conscience and automatic memory of Mr. Gould will here be given a field to show themselves at their best, and Mr. Sage, who possesses the happy secret of knowing how to swallow himself, will also, no doubt, make an exhibition that will cause the triends of Ananias to see that their lamented friend did not know the elementary principles of lying.

WE do not wish to meddle with the business of the police commission, but we desire to impress upon them that they never can expect to succeed in any radical improvement of our police force if they start out by retaining all the subordinate officers that have served under Marshal Cummings. The trouble with our police force has been a slack discipline, caused chiefly by the easy going, devil-may-care-way of the officers of the force. The new chief of police cannot bring about the desired reforms unless he has competent and efficient aids who enter into the spirit of the new departure and will take pride in the soldierly bearing and gentlemanly conduct of our policemen.

## STATE AND TERRITORY.

Nebraska Jottings. The Neligh board of trade is greased for business. Grand Island is threatened with an-

other daily paper. The Falls City cannery will begin operations this week. The Exchange hotel in Ashland is a

heap of burnt ruins. Plattsmouth hopes to wear a new depot in the sweet by and by. A \$10,000 block will add considerable to the shape of Columbus this season.

The city council of Grand Island has declared war on houses of itl-fame. Holdrege has cornered a firebug. He touched the insurance companies too

The only genuine Indian club in the state is at Genoa. It is a knotty peacemaker. The state institute for the feeble minded

at Beatrice, opened up last week with tifty unfortunates.

Crete will brighten up this season with the Missouri Pacific extension and an electric light system.

The season of hickory-nut hail is past None smaller than goose eggs will receive paragraphic mention. Captain Warren, of Wahoo, is laid up

with countless sores and battered bones, the result of a runaway. A gang of burglars made several profitless raids on the residents of Wahoo last week and left the town in disgust.

f. Edgehill, of Fairmount, was caugh on horseback by a lightning flash and severely, though not fatally, burned. Robert Spicer, a fourteen-year Edgar boy, became attached to a runaway mule's halter and was dragged to death.

A \$25,000 hotel and mammoth foundry are among the latest additions to David City's enterprise. Both are sure things. Wahoo is ready to give a franchise to any company that will furnish the city with a direct pressure system of water

A band of forty gypsies are picking up dollars and clothes lines in the neighbor-hood of Blair by stuffing the superstitious with "revelations."

McCook has induced Cincinnati cap italists to start a creamery in that city The plant will cost \$7,500 and will be completed in thirty working days. An agent of the Omaha Southern roa

has been feeling the pulse of Plattsmouth on the bonus question. No alarming symptoms of liberality are reported. A mob of Wahoosiers fell upon a pair of swindling quack doctors, compelling

them to give up notes obtained from farmers, and fired them out of town in a shower of hoots. Grand Island is stiffening with pride as its starch factory advances in substantial and shapely height. It will be in running order by fall and employ 100 hands. This will materially help the town to polish

The West Point Progress objects to the make-up, methods and opinions of the BEE in one paragraph, and slices the next four from the theming columns of this paper. The Pregress is a clipper from necessity.

The Colorado santary board accepted as a bluff the threat of the Nebraska board to retaliate in kind, and declined to withdraw the quarantine against Ne-braska cattle. The state board must now advance to battle or coral their heifers. The Grand Island & Wyoming Central

extension of the B. & M. has stopped short at a point 163 miles west of Ra-venna. The construction gang has been transferred to Central City, where the company has staked out another branch. Bill Stein, an impudent tramp, was cicked out of a house in Plattsmouth for demanding bread or blood. When brought into court an hour afterward he produced a certificate that one of his ungs was affected. It was evident the

hoot made him weary. The York Republican is no longer a temperance organ. The W. C. T. U. ladies have crimped its pretensions and form it have not been found as satisfactory in results as was hoped for. We ob- publican party of that state. It was no- morals. With the tomperance column

gone, the Republican relapses into its natural mandlin level.

Churches and school houses, a happy elending of figures and futures, are mul tiplying in the valleys and uplands of the state. A combination of the rod and the golden rule, properly applied, insures peace, plenty and Paradise

The talk of division of Custer county, and the unseating of Broken Bow, is ris ing in the temperature. cheme comes up for arbitration at the polls, Broken Bow promises to set on it with sufficient emphasis, "that the next generation will not forget it.' John Renter, the swindler who disap-

peared from Table Rock several weeks ago, has left several cash reminders be-hind. One of the Pawnee city banks contributed \$2,000 to his pile on a forged note, and the banks of Humboldt and Table Rock were confidenced by the same meaus.

The Cedar Bluffs News, by E. E. Sanders, is the latest candidate for subscrip-tion favors and fat ads. Cedar Bluffs is in Saunders county, on the Lincoln branch of the Elkhorn Valley road. The News declares it is "earth's choicest spot —a rich country and a live town contin-ually on the move."

The Hastings Independent whispers into the ears of the Lincoln Democrat: When Hastings gets the Missouri Pacific, the Kansas City, Wyandoite & Northwestern; the Rock Island; and one or two other roads, which are pretty sure of coming here, it will give Lincoln the go by and be next in importance to Hartington furnishes a specimen of

brutality to a dumb beast that entitles Charley Miller to a fat berth in the penitentiary stone pile. Miller found a neigh bor's horse on his land. Armed with the wrath of a maniae and a fish spear, he pursued and butchered the animal in a horrible manner. He was arrested and bound over to the district court for trial Yankton's railroad delegation to Omaha were caught on the fly, home ward bound, by a Milwaukee short stop, John McDonald. The tack-hammer car-rier pressed their hands warmly shoveled solid and tabial refreshments

into them, and with nods and winks-

hist! q. t.—told them to keep quiet for a day or two and let the Milwaukee get its wind. Forest L. Putney of Oakdale has fallen in love with the law since his escape from the paternity of the Anderson child, for the murder of which he was tried and acquitted at Neligh. He has entered suit for damages amounting to \$2,680 against I. Howeii, S. C. Fairchild, B. F. Admire and J. F. Boyd. Of this amount \$880 will satisfy the anguish suffered and renew his

reputation, the remainder for costs. Hastings can never be forgiven for ounishing her neighbors with a map. The infliction, however, did not stop there. It has spread to other towns and is likely to sweep the state. Blue Springs and Wymore are out with a combination map, like a foot-print in a mud-puddle with railroads piercing it from every point of the compass. The twins have passed the spanking period and their conlition is hopeful.

The editor of the Sutton Register re-cently tickled the ribs of Alderman Shir-The latter laid in wait for him, caught him at the town postoflice, and fell upon his neck and wept with joy. idewalk in the vicinity groaned and creaked under the weight and vigor of the embrace. Shirley done up Brown and left him a neatly turned pair of black and tan optics. The Register is enveloped in gloom. Rulo is a Missouri point, enjoying all

the benefits of drift wood commerce floating by. Since the work of bridging the river began, the townspeople have dolled the robes of antiquity for the toga of en-terprise, and the result has been a cheering combination of growth and prosper ity. Last Thursday evening a mass meeting was held and the preliminaries arranged for the erection of a \$15,000 hotel, a \$10,000 school, a pork packery to cost \$100,000, and also to sink a coal prospect

There was a wild time in Wymore a few days ago and an exhibition of an atomy that wreathed the town in blushes A wild-eyed disciple of Bacchus named John Ax, and a woman of similar brand, were arrested for disturbing the peace. Both showed fight with their mouths and declined a berth in the cooler. The woman actually stripped for the fray. This nude departure filled the officers with dismay and tightened their grip on ner back-hair. A street car chartered, blinds put up and the frothing relie of Eve, robed in an apron string,

safely jailed. The secret of the sudden departure of the state railroad commissioners from Norfolk is out. A meddlesome merchant who had no regard for their tenderness toward Lincoln fired at them a series of stunning questions to this effect: Why is it that goods from Chicago to Lincoln are hauled from Fremont to that point, a distance of lifty miles, free, while the rate from Fremont to Norfolk, seventynine miles, is 50 cents per hundred? The commissioners were knocked speechless ductor hurried them homeward to recuperate.

## lowa Items.

Plans for Sioux City's railroad bridge have been forwarded to Washington for approval.

Senator Alison is to deliver the university oration at lowa City in June. He will speak in the campus grounds. A small insect is attacking the straw-

berry crop in Washington county and many fine beds of strawberry vines are almost destroyed. Dr. E. L. Mansfield, one of the oldest and most prominent business men of Cedar Rapids, dropped dead Thursday

while riding in his buggy. Between 200 and 300 business men of Dubuque have manifested a willingness to become members of a board of trade and such an organization will soon be ef-

fected. A horrible murder was committed in Jefferson township, near Oskaloosa, last Wednesday. John Fall and wife were murdered by robbers and their house

burned. Thursday afternoon a Dubuque man named John Krieger, employed at the saw mill of the Standard Lumber company, was crushed to death by having timber fall upon him.

The homopaths of the state gathered in convention in Des Moines last week and discussed ways and means to throw the race to the graveyard. It was a nota-ble gathering and divided the honors with the convention of undertakers. Both bodies seemed linked by uncommon ties

of tenderness. Millions of voracious worms are at work on the shade trees of Fort Madison, and unless something is done to satiate their greed the trees will in a short time be stripped of their verdure. The worms are from an inch to an inch and a half in

#### Dakota. Barnes county pays three cents apiece or gopher tails.

Arrangements are being made to open the Black Hills marble deposits. are said to be great in extent and fine in quality. The Bismarck town council had a puri-

tanic attack last Sunday, and in conse quence the Sunday laws were vigorously enforced. Fargo's new hotel will be built of brick, is to be four stories high and supplied with an elevator and all modern con-

veniences. The cost is estimated at The Bankers' association of Dakota closed its meeting at Watertown with a grand banquet Wednesday. Redfield was

chosen as the place for holding the next annual meeting.

Crop prospects in the Black Hills country are the brightest in the history of that region. In consequence of poor health Judge Thomas was compelled to go east, and the Rapid City term of court will not be

held until July. The hotel Harney of Rapid City, just completed at a cost of \$50,000, has been leased for five years, and will soon be thrown open to the public.

The organization of the Rapid City. Wyoming & Western railroad company has been completed. The directors are Eugene B. Chapman, of Rapid City John C. Green, of Omaha; John H. Chapman, of Hannibal, Mo.: Andrew J. Sim-mons, Adelbert Wilsie and John H. King, of Rapid City. The capital stock of the company is \$1,000,000, all of which is paid up, thus guaranteeing the construction of the line so far as is now projected. The articles of incorporation designate the route of the company's lines as westward from Rapid City to the Wyoming line, with such extensions in Crook county, in Wyoming, as may be deemed necessary. There are also to be north and south lines run through all the Black Hills counties.

## A NICKLE-PLATED CORPSE.

Transforming a Dead Body Into Beautiful Statue. New York Mercury: "Doctor," a young physician recently returned from making the grand tour was asked, "what was the most remarkable thing you saw in Europe." "I have no hesitation in au-swering that question," he rejoined. "By far the most interesting and re-

Europe"

markable sight that came under my observation was a nickle-plated corpse-"A nickle-plated corpse" repeated his audience of five, in wide awake amazement. "What are you giving us, doc-

The group were standing in Cable's Broadway place, and when a general moistening of lips had been performed the European tourist proceeded in sub-stance as follows: "Electro or nickel plating is the latest and promises to be by far the most popular form of dealing with the dead. The corpse that 1 saw so treated was that of a young man—an only son, whose doting parents had the body thus preserved. I had heard of the case in London, and as I am much interested in the subject of the disposition of the body after death I obtained a letter of introduction and was favored with a view of the brilliant body. The method is briefly this: The body is washed with alcohol and sprinkled over with line graphite powder to insure the perfect conduction of electricity. It is then placed in a bath of metallic containing a piece of metal-silver, nickel or gold—to be used. To this is attached the positive pole of a strong battery, the negative pole is applied to the body, and a fine film of the metal at once begins to cover the body perfectly and evenly. This may be kept up till the coating attains any desired thickness.

"To this process there does not appear o be any valid objection. In effect transforms the body into a beautiful statue, in which form, features and even expression are perfectly and startlingly preserved. The body, being hermeti-cally scaled within its metal inclosure, merely dries up and assumes the aspecof a mummy. This method obviates many objections which have been urged against other methods of disposing of the dead, and at the same time meets the wishes of those whose sentiment, if nothing else, inclines them to favor the ordinary way of burial.

The young man whose corpse I saw thus treated accidently shot himself last partridge season. He was engaged to be married to a very loving and amiable young lady. I was told that she paid egular visits to his brilliant remains as a eligious enthusiast would visit a strine. Ordinarily the body is covered by a shroud of embroidered work of the young lady's handiwork as it lies in its long, oval iron urn."

M. Quad: We left Memphis at about 8 o'clock in the evening, and among the deck passengers I noticed a couple, man and wife, who gazed around as if they had never seen a steamboat before. They had an old coffee sack with some clothing in it, but no other baggage. They moved about in a timid way, and both seemed much afraid of the water.

The boat had not gone five miles down the river, and the large number of passengers had not yet settled down, when there was an unearthly shrick, fol lowed by the cry of "man overboard!," The boat was stopped and her wheels backed, and after two or three minutes it was learned that one of the couple I have mentioned—the husband—had fallen overboard. The woman "took on" in the wildest manner, crying and moaning and wringing her hands, and when asked how it happened, she replied: "He just dun fell over-fell over-fell

By that time it was useless to think of lowering a boat. There was a swift cur-rent running, and as the man had not cried out there could be no doubt of his being drowned. Every one pitied the woman, of course, and when somebody took off his hat and dropped a five-dollar bill into it, it was a "go" all around. A hundred dollars was raised for her in fif-teen minutes, and she went ashore at the first landing made by the boat, lugging a bag of clothes with her. I went down as far as Hernando, Miss., and stopped off there for two days, taking a second steamer down on the third night from When I went the above occurrence. When I went down to the levee I saw a couple with an old sack between 'em who reminded me of the pair on the boat, and I also saw them come aboard. The resemblance astonished me, but it had to go for a co-

neidence. The steamer pulled out about 10 o'clock, and had not been under way half an hour when there was a loud shriek, followed by the cry of "Man overboard!" It was a repetition of what I have related before, except that some of the passengers had gone to bed, and the suk purse didn't count up over \$40. The hat was passed to me, but I declined to chip. The "recent and grief-stricken widow" left the boat at the first landing, and I went to bed with the feeling that curious coincidences were mighty on the Mississippi river. I left the bon at Helena, and made a three day's stay, and was ready to take another boat the down trip, when I ran across that self-same couple at the levee, waiting for the same boat. I walked up to them and said to the man:

"Come, now, this is a square deal, and I give nothing away. I've seen you drowned twice, and I've seen this widow' go ashore with a breaking heart the same number of times. Tell me how you play it and I'll give you a 'V. 'Let's see the money I handed it over, and he stowed it away

in his pocket then replied.
"I've got on a rubber life preserver under my clothes, as you see, and I generally make shore within a couple of miles. Stranger, don't give it away. We are poor but honest people I solemnly agreed that I wouldn't, but

I think they rather mistrusted me, for they waited over to catch a boat next night. A Dog Makes Off With the Artificial

Limb of His Benefactor. Pittsburg Dispatch: A most ludicrous thing was witnessed on Jane street last

evening. There was a fight, in which a big dog, a little dog and a cigar-maker with a wooden leg figured prominently. First, the little dog secured a bone. He was munching it in quiet enjoyment when the big dog came along and at-tempted to secure it. The little fellow

was not to bullied, and a lively fight

Just as the row was at a most interest. ing stage, neither dog having secured any advantage, a man with a "peg" came along and assumed the t of peace-maker. Standing on his dis-abled member and using his sound limb, he gave the bone a kick and sent it whirl-

ng away. A second later he was lying in the muddy gutter—the big dog having yanked the wooden leg from its fastenings—and gazing sadly after his insensible but useful limb as it disappeared around a neighboring corner, borne in the dog's

mouth.

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#### FREAKS OF A MAGPIE. It was Fond of Robbing the Dogs and

Performing Endless Mischief. As soon as it saw either of the dogs busity engaged upon a bone. Jackytiboy devoted all his intellect to the task of obbing that dog of its bone, says J. G Wood, writing of a pet magple in the Youth's Companion. Watching his opportunity white the dog's attention was given to the hone, he would quietly slip behind the animal and administer a sharp peck to its tail. The aggrieved dog would naturally yelp, drop the bone, and make a dash at its assailant.

Then Jackytiboy would flutter away a few paces, and, when the dog turned around to regain its property, would give another peck at the same place. Then the dog made another attack, and when the animal had, by a series of assaults, been decoyed to a distance, Jacytibov flew to the bone, seized it and made off with its booty. The dogs, however, sometimes turned

the tables on the magne. Whenever Jackytiboy had been given, or, as was most likely the case, had stolen more meat than he could consume at the time, he was in the habit of hiding it about the premises. Here the dogs' them in good stead, enabling them to smuff out and devour the hidden stores. When he had succeeded in robbing the dog of its bone, his next idea was to hide it in some secure place where he was sure that the dog could not find it. So he generally made his way into one of the bedrooms and pushed the bone carefully under the pillow. DAs to the mischief which he did for pure mischief's sake, there were no bounds to its extent and variety.

For example, while the coachman was looking after his horse Jackytiboy filled the whip-tube with earth and little pebbles, so that when the man tried to use his whip he found it fixed so firmly that t could not be taken out until the tube had been taken out and emptied.

Watching the proceedings of a carpenter who was engaged on the premises afforded him the keenest gratification, When the man used the center-bit Jacky tiboy must needs help him by picking out the little shavings from the hole. Having thus proved his harmless nature, he dropped some tacks into the man's car as he stooped over his work, and as he started up, snatched off his spectacles and flew away with them to the treasure-

On one occasion he removed all the pins from the cushions in which they had been placed. He did not, however, carry them off, but stuck them into the sponges, pushing them into the smallest holes, and forcing them completely out of sight. The disastrous result of this freak may well be imagined. If a glazier were employed on the greenhouses it was necessary to capture Jackytiboy and fasten him in some place where he would not suspect what was

and so made the glazier's work of no He always kept a sharp eye upon small candle ends, and whenever he found one he used to drop it into the first mustardpot that he could find.

Soldier, Maiden and Flower.

[A piece for Little Miss Trotty to speak at

being done, as otherwise he invariably scooped out the putty while it was soft,

"Sweetheart, take this," a soldler said,
"And bid me brave good-by;
It may befall we ne'er shall wed, But love can never die.

"Be steadfast in thy troth to me, And then whate'er my lot,
'My soul to God, my heart to thee'—
Sweetheart, forset me not!" The maiden took the tiny flow'r

And fed it with her tears; Lo, he who left her in that hour Came not in after years. Upon the field a demon rode Mid shower of flame and shot, While in the maiden's heart abode

The flow'r forget-me-not.

And when he came not with the rest From out those years of blood, Closely unto her widowed breast She pressed the withered bud,

Oh, there is love, and there is pain-And there is peace, God wot; And these dear three do live again In sweet forget-me-not.

Tis to his unmarked grave to-day That I should love to go-Whether he wore the blue or gray. What need that we should know?

"He loved a woman," let us say, And on that hallowed spot, To woman's love that lives for aye, We'll strew forget-me-not.

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